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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

About Wall Street

Very few people, including most of those who elected him, gave Harry S Truman much chance to be elected back in 1948. He had had his troubles. There was a well-oiled, well-financed Republican campaign for a once-beaten candidate named Thomas E. Dewey.

(This, of course, is not to deny that there's a lot of hard campaigning to be done to win for Hubert Humphrey. The parallels between this campaign and 1948—and there are some—won't elect him.

(But, whatever the outcome, the choice this time is very similar to that of 1948. If enough people see that the results will be the same).

In 1948, the Chicago Tribune was not the only element which was sure Dewey had it made. The returns would have been a surprise to me too except for something I heard on my way home on election night.

I sat in a rear bus seat and three Greyhound drivers sat behind me, deadheading home after their commute runs.

★★★
"DID YOU vote for old Harry?" said one.

"I sure did after what he brought out about the Republicans being all tied up with Wall Street. Did you?"

"I sure did. We'll be done for if old Harry doesn't make it."

I had my ear to the ground over the roar of the Republican propaganda.

Either of the two other candidates in 1968 would go along with big business, which would mean lower wages, less consumer protection, less of everything. Richard Nixon, a Wall Street lawyer, for example, has written big securities industry executives, promising all kinds of nice things.

For securities industry, read Wall Street.

★★★
THE NEATEST trick of the year is the anti-scabbing truth squaddies' stunt of driving their Boycottomobile four blocks in a Baltimore Hearst News-American "I am an American Day" parade, with signs noting Hearst professional scabbing in Los Angeles.

Said the parade chairman, with a policeman at his side: "I don't think the News-American wants you in this parade."

The Hearst papers, as I've commented before, are very strong on Americanism—their brand which doesn't always jibe with labor's.

Mr. Parade Chairman: Pickets are Americans too.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Correspondents columns will be found on pages 4 and 5 of this edition of the Labor Journal. Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 6.

Mobilization by COPE scores for Humphrey

No on Prop. J, yes on M, says CLC

Volunteer aid, cash needed for big drive

The Alameda County Central Labor Council has voted vigorous opposition to Oakland Proposition J on the November ballot and urged a strong yes vote for Proposition M.

Proposition J would give the city council far-reaching authority to legislate in the civil service field, threatening protection for city employees, the Labor Council pointed out, and also would allow the city council to infringe on the Port Commission's autonomy.

DISTRICT ELECTION
Proposition M would grant dis-

trict election—rather than the present at large vote—for seven of the eight city councilmen. District election has long been backed by labor as a means of better representation of working people and minorities.

The city council has arranged that passage of Proposition J is necessary to make Proposition M for district election effective—even if the latter gains a big majority.

Thus, the Labor Council's yes on M recommendation is aimed at establishing a record on which district election could be

won later—without the strings attached by the city council.

The Labor Council also urged a no vote on Propositions K and L. Proposition L would peg the mayor's salary at that of superior judges, now \$30,000 a year. That would create a two-headed city executive setup with full-time mayor plus a city manager, the council noted.

Proposition J also would make the now elective auditor-controller's office appointive. By a quirk in the ballot arrangement, that decision would be overturned if Proposition K passes.

BTC approves Acorn extension; endorses Prop. 1A, opposes 9

The Alameda County Building Trades Council this week moved to become the sponsor of another 192 housing units adjacent to its 479-unit Oakland Acorn moderate-income development.

Auto Machinists end strike with pay, fringe gains

Members of Automotive Machinists 1546 ended their three-week strike against 10 Alameda County truck-trailer firms after ratifying a three-year contract with wage increase packages of 90 cents to \$1.10 per hour.

The 250 employees walked out September 22 at the firms which are members of the California Metal Trades Association, after negotiations had failed to produce agreement. The companies are in the truck-trailer manufacturing, repair and conversion industry in cities throughout the county.

A major gain in the new agreement is an increase to \$41 a month per employee in the employer's health and welfare contribution. It formerly was \$22.

Wages for journeymen A and specialist B machinists are increased 50 cents per hour effective last September 1. Increases of 30 cents per hour become effective next September 1 and on September 1, 1970 to make up a \$1.10 package.

The assembler C pay rate rises 50, 25 and 25 cents and pay for the helper D classification is boosted 40, 25 and 25 cents on the same dates.

Other gains include a ninth paid holiday.

Teamsters drop petition; auto talks resumed

Teamster Automotive Employees 78 last week withdrew its petition to represent sales employees of seven struck South County auto dealers and talks were resumed this week in an effort to end Auto Salesmen 1095's dispute with the firms.

Withdrawal of the petition followed conferences by Local 1095, the Alameda County Central Labor Council and the State Council of Retail Clerks with top Teamster representatives.

CITES HELP

Local 1095 Secretary-Treasurer Vincent Fulco credited Joseph Diviny and Jack Goldberger, Teamster international officials; Barney Apfel of the San Francisco Teamster Auto Salesmen; Labor Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx and Clerks State Council Secretary Larry Vail with major aid in heading off a jurisdictional battle.

This week's talks, called by the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service, were to bring to

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Your volunteer hours can put Hubert Humphrey over the top in Alameda County. Just phone COPE at 451-3215 or the Central Labor Council at 444-6510. They'll find a job for you.

mostly Wallace supporters, but they were a very small minority of the big football crowd, he said.

More mobilizations are planned, but meanwhile, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx urged, COPE volunteers are badly needed. The big job is for typists to work on COPE address lists for the big political mailings which are planned.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COPE's office, at 595 Sixteenth Street, Oakland, is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and weekend work is to be scheduled. Volunteers might find it easy to go direct to COPE from work, he suggested.

Non-typist volunteers are also needed to check typists' work, and a number of big Humphrey

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How to get your absentee ballot

Your vote is crucial on November 5 and if any reason will keep you from the polls you can have your say via an absentee ballot.

All that is needed to vote absentee is a letter to Jack Blue, County Clerk, Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland. It must be received by October 29.

The letter must request an absentee ballot, state the reason you cannot vote at the polls and give the address at which you are registered and the address to which the absentee ballot is to be sent.

Your filled-out ballot must be mailed in time to be received by 5 p.m., November 4, the day before election.

HOW TO BUY

Watch out for used car buyer traps

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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If yours is a typical family, you probably spend about \$850 a year, or \$1 of every \$7, for transportation—mostly for the family car. You can figure that owning a car now takes about \$1 of every \$8 of family expenses.

But the high cost of getting anywhere is becoming even higher as the result of the latest price increases by the auto manufacturers, and higher charges this year for gasoline, tires and auto insurance.

ACTUALLY the latest increase of 2 per cent in new car prices would have been even higher if the Administration had not done some fast talking. The Administration persuaded the car makers to hold the hike to about 2 per cent instead of the approximately 4 per cent a major manufacturer first had announced.

That means an increase in the 1969 cars of about \$50 plus about \$20 for the new head restraints (required on the new models as a safety measure). This is at least better than the whopping \$120 first expected.

The price increases on used cars have been even more drastic. In general you have to pay about 25 per cent more for a used car than ten years ago. This hits wage-earners and suburban housewives especially hard. Used cars have become a lifeline for both workers and housewives in a time when many families no longer live near the places where they work and shop.

A GOOD late model used car is still a relatively good buy. In fact, the standard used in the government's "moderate - cost" budget is a car bought two years old and kept for four years. Not that this way of trying to beat high car expenses is really cheap.

Based on current purchase and operating costs, you would have to figure your monthly transportation expenses at about \$70 a month including public transportation, or about \$60 just for the car.

But a used car bought at excessive prices for the car and the financing from a high-pressure dealer advertising low or no down payments, can start a whole series of financial problems. First come high repair costs, then, in sequence, repossession, a deficiency judgment for the unpaid balance, and garnishment of wages.

Young people especially tend to get involved in used car traps.

IN BUYING, perhaps the first question to ask yourself is whether this is the kind of used car dealer you would be willing to vote for for President. Here are other tips:

—Have a good idea of current market prices for different models. There are cases of buyers who have signed installment contracts to pay \$400 for old cars

worth \$100, and \$1,100 for cars worth about \$400-\$500.

You can check current prices at other dealers, and in classified ads by private sellers. In addition, you can use our handy formula for judging values: take off 30 per cent of the current value each year. Thus a car originally worth \$3,000 would be worth \$2,100 after one year; about \$1,150 at the end of the second year; about \$1,050 at the end of the third; about \$750 at the end of the fourth, and so on.

—See if the dealer has service facilities to back up his claim of reconditioning the car. Many used car lots merely do superficial sprucing up; installing cheap new seat covers, polishing the body, steaming grease and oil off the engine, etc.

—Don't trust the mileage shown on the odometer. These often are set back by dealers and sometimes by private sellers. Everybody in the trade and in charge of law enforcement knows it and blinks at it. Only Massachusetts forbids dealers to change the mileage. In New York, State Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz has asked for a similar law as the result of many complaints of tampering with odometers.

A more dependable gauge of the use the car has had is the signs of wear shown in such tell-tale places as the rubber pad on the brake, the upholstery around the driver's door latch and window handle, and at the floor boards, and whether the doors are loose.

—If a dealer won't let you take the car for a test drive, don't buy it. A reliable dealer will. When you do take the car out, ask your own mechanic to check the engine and chassis.

—A younger moderate size car is a better buy than an older big car.

—Used cars are cheapest in midwinter—January through March. Prices are highest in early summer—May to early in July. (New cars are cheaper from July through September.)

—Read the warranty carefully before closing the deal. Only written guarantees count; not verbal assurances.

—Arrange your own financing.

You can get car loans from your credit union or a bank usually at \$6 to \$7 per \$100 (true annual interest rates of about 12-14 per cent a year). But dealers' finance companies usually charge more to finance used cars than new; \$10 per \$100 and more depending on the age of the car, state laws and the dealer's integrity.

This means you pay true annual interest of about 20 per cent or more.

Shop for your own insurance too. If the dealer insists you finance through him, that's another tipoff to a high pressure operation.

Sen. Nelson tells drug price survey findings

Senator Gaylord Nelson, the consumer's champion from Wisconsin, has disclosed some new data showing that the government still has a big job to do in curbing unnecessarily high drug prices.

A government task force on prescription drugs, he says, has decided after an expert survey, that:

• The drug industry's claim that its higher-priced brand-name drugs are better than drugs under generic names is "highly exaggerated."

• The drug makers' plea that high prices are necessary because drug manufacturing is highly risky has not been proven.

• Doctors don't rely enough on scientific evidence, too much on advertising and propaganda in choosing drugs to prescribe.

• There are 20,000 drug salesmen whose advice to doctors cannot be relied on to be objective, and the industry spends an average \$3,000 per year per physician to promote its products with doctors.

And, says Senator Nelson, his committee's investigation touched a nerve in the industry which is detailing salesmen to see physicians and pharmacists to try to downgrade the committee's work.

Getting Your MONEY'S WORTH

Portable dishwashers, says the October issue of "Consumer Reports," have really become a formidable housekeeping ally. There is no longer any need to buy a machine that requires more than a quick scrape of a dirty dish.

Present-day designs allow for much greater flexibility in loading, and even the lowest-ranked model of the 18 recently tested by Consumers Union "should be able to do a pretty decent job."

Two top-loaders and one front-loader turned in outstanding washing performances. The other models were about on a par until the four models at the bottom of the ratings were reached.

WHILE SOME models did better than others at getting loads dry, all were judged adequate by CU. With exception of one model that dries by blowing hot air onto the dishes from a heater outside the washing compartment, all dried their contents better when the wash water had been at 150 degrees F. than when it had been at 120 degrees F.

Opening the door at the end of the cycle speeds drying, as does use of a rinse conditioner, which also reduces water spotting.

All the models tested can be hooked up to your kitchen sink and rolled out of the way after use. Ten are top-loaders. The other eight load at the front and are convertible for permanent installation. CU found both types about equal as performers.

THE MACHINES tended to wash eight place-setting loads better than 10 place-setting loads. Detergent made no difference (at least not with the soft water in CU's area). Whether the water temperature was 120 or 150 degrees didn't matter either. CU estimates that, using rather heavy dinnerware, most of the machines would accommodate from 11 to 13 place settings.

With most models, you can omit the first one or two parts of the cycle for "normal" loads, reserving the double wash for "heavily soiled" loads.

If you hear a strange noise, you should stop the machine at once; something may have got into the pump. It's probably wise to do small items by hand. Never put a cracked glass in your machine.

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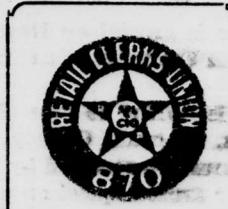
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Petris blames supervisors for tax hikes

The Alameda County board of Supervisors could easily halt discriminatory assessment practices which boost homeowners' taxes here, State Senator Nicholas C. Petris told an Assembly hearing last week in Oakland.

But, Petris said, some members of the board "are more interested in blaming rising taxes on Assembly Bill 80 instead of conforming to the law and the State Constitution of 1894."

TRIPLE STANDARD

There is a "triple standard" in property assessment here, the Senator told the Assembly Revenue and Taxation subcommittee.

"This has resulted in homeowners and industry paying far more than their fair share of taxes and has allowed owners of speculative vacant land to get away with millions," he said.

Petris is author of the only tax relief passed by the Legislature last year and chief architect of Proposition 1A, the multi-million dollar tax relief measure placed on the ballot by last month's special session.

TAX REFORM

Subcommittee Chairman John Veneman, a Modesto Republican, introduced him to the hearing as the "leading expert on taxation reform in the Legislature."

And Petris laid the blame for discriminatory assessment practices squarely on the county assessors and the board of supervisors whose chairman is opposing him for re-election.

"The Board of Supervisors could stop the cheating of the

homeowner in a minute," Petris charged. "They can set the policy of the assessor and they control his purse strings."

Instead, he noted, the board has voted opposition to a Petris bill which would have allowed a lower assessment rate—and a tax break—for home property taxpayers.

"They have ignored the findings of the State Board of Equalization and the Alameda County Grand Jury, both of which found that vacant land is being assessed at 2 and 3 per cent of market value while homeowners average 22 per cent and industry is assessed at an average of 28 per cent.

"This triple standard is against the Constitution, which states specifically that real property must be assessed equally."

"The Board of Supervisors is breaking the law whenever they condone the assessor's illegal practices."

Wirtz to speak at Cohelan fete

Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz will be the featured speaker at Congressman Jeffery Cohelan's testimonial dinner tonight, Friday, October 18 at Goodman's Hall, Jack London Square.

Reservations for the \$25 a plate affair are available at Cohelan headquarters at 3201 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, phone 655-8620.

"The Board, moreover, has taken action which directly discriminates against the homeowner."

"The Board unanimously voted to oppose a bill I introduced which would allow assessment of homeowners at a lower rate than industry.

"In other words, the Board was not as interested in giving the homeowner a tax break as they were in playing politics.

"The fact that the chairman of the Board is now running for the State Senate is not coincidental."

Mobilization scores in Humphrey drive

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Muskie campaign signs are still available for mounting on automobiles.

Money for COPE's big educational job is vitally needed, he stressed. Contributions so far have come from Telegraph Workers, Hospital Workers, Cleaning & Dye House Workers, Auto Salesmen, Service Union, and others, he said.

Sunday's mobilization had representation from Paint Makers, Dental Technicians, Hospital Workers, Auto Salesmen, Oakland Federation of Teachers, Scrap Iron Workers and four members of the disaffiliated United Auto Workers.

Cranston shows gains

Battle lines were clearly marked this week as COPE-endorsed Alan Cranston battled Maxwell Rafferty's rightwing threat—and Rafferty's claims were obviously wearing thin.

In San Rafael, the daily Independent-Journal which has endorsed most Republicans, came out for Democrat Cranston after an exchange with Rafferty over the latter's version of his relationship to the military service in World War II.

THAT DRAFT CASE

The San Rafael paper had reprinted a series of articles from the Long Beach Independent Press-Telegram reporting that the now fire-breathing Rafferty had appealed a 1-A classification and won a 4-F classification.

The GOP candidate wrote a letter which the Independent-Journal printed, saying that Rafferty in 1940 had "volunteered under the old U.S. Navy 'V-1' of

ficers program and was rejected. The newspaper added its own note:

"The Bureau of Naval Personnel's 'Administrative History' relates that the V-1 program was not started until early 1942, and was open only to men 17 to 19 years old willing to attend College at their own expense for two years.

"Rafferty was then 24 years old and a college graduate."

CRANSTON PROGRAM

Cranston listed among his major domestic goals full employment, repeal of Taft-Hartley's "right to work" section, control of the economy to end inflation, better social security and Medicare and collective bargaining rights for all.

Of onetime 4-F Rafferty, Cranston said the GOP candidate's policy of larger war "is a slippery slide to World War III and atomic holocaust."

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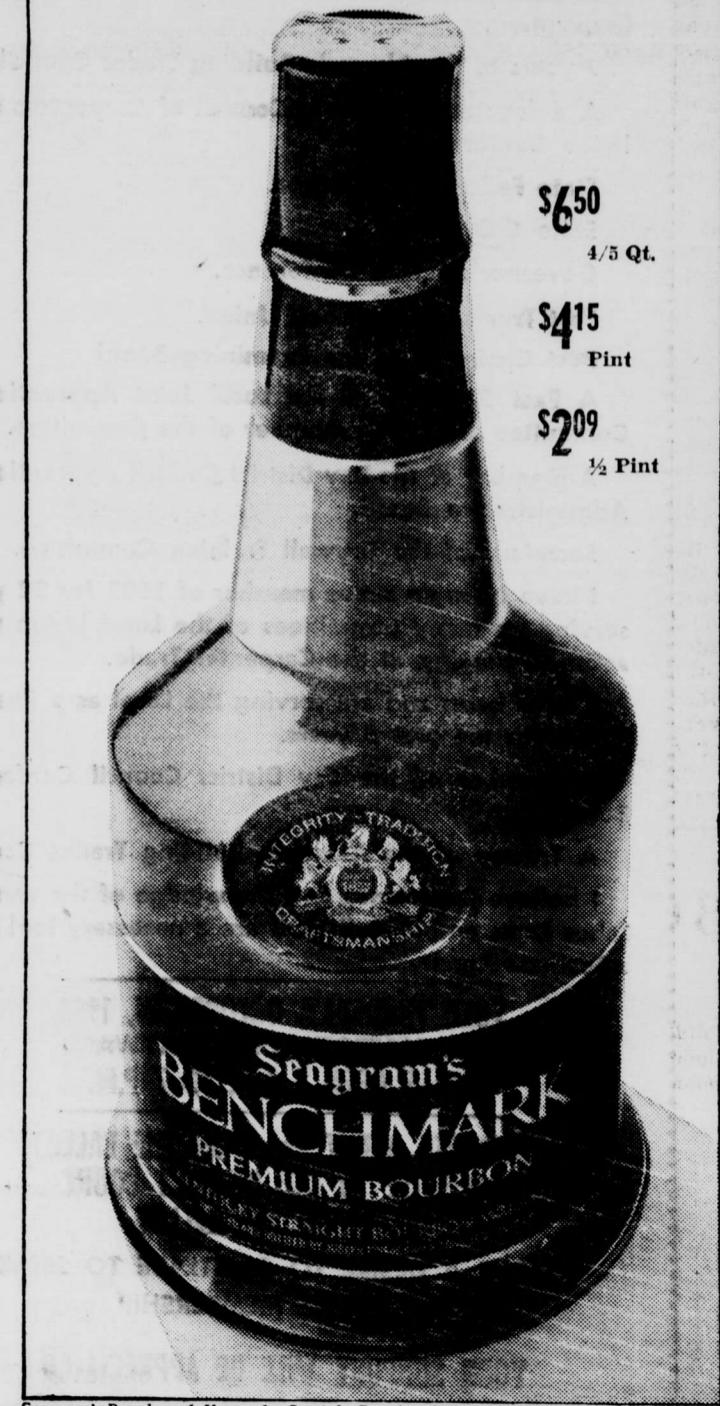
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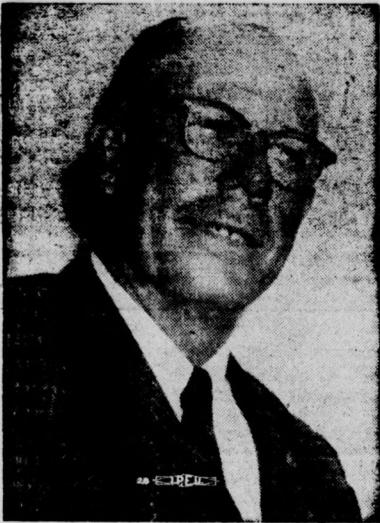
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I have been an active member of 1622 for 22 years, serving on many committees of the Local Union while actively working at the Carpenter Trade.

I have been and am serving the Local as a Business Agent for the past 5 years.

A member of the Bay District Council Conference Board.

A Trustee of the Alameda Building Trades Council.

I believe Experience and Knowledge of the complex Labor Laws and Jurisdictions are a necessary tool to be a Business Agent.

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BY DAVE ARCA

Hi. When workers were weak, unions were important to us. Today, workers have a measure of job security, a fair share of profits, and dignity on the job. Today, workers ignore the needs of Unions. The election campaign culminating in November, will damn well determine the direction of union destiny. The backgrounds of the Candidates tell the story.

George Wallace was Alabama's pocket sized Governor until eligibility laws precluded a third term. His Lady Lurline, became Governor, and George remained Governor by marriage.

During the Wallace dynasty, Alabama's Right to Work Law kept Alabama wages the lowest in the nation. Wallace also allowed the quality of education for worker's children to remain substandard. To vote for Wallace is to vote for economic misery. Don't do it.

Tricky Dick Nixon has a NEW image. He's fooling a lot of workers who never knew the OLD Nixon. As Congressman, Senator, and Vice President, Tricky Dick was anti-union. His REAL image is his voting record against working people, and in favor of Big Business. He did it before, and he'll do it again. Want to bet?

On the other hand, Hubert Humphrey has fought for workers, and for the Aged, and the poor. He is a compassionate man. Some people with pet peeves at President Johnson, strike out at Hubert Humphrey. It's irrational. We need a friend in the White House. Now, more than ever before. To vote for Wallace, or Nixon is to vote for economic suicide. Protect our well being. Vote for Humphrey and Muskie. Okay? Okay.

AFSCME 371 'Info'

BY NAT DICKERSON

A small union, with minute organizing potential like ours, is faced with many problems having to do with the personal care of its members. Presently, we are mounting a drive for donations to assist a member who was hospitalized for a long overdue operation. While in the hospital, his sick leave was used up; since being out, he has been unable to resume work. Things like this would not matter too much, if there were insurance funds avail-

able to take up the slack in non-job considerations of this nature.

Several years back, our members had a chance to obtain group life and accident insurance at small cost, which they voted down; perhaps such an incident as this will prove that the time is ripe for another attempt to convince them of the necessity for further insurance security. The object lesson to be gotten from this is the vulnerability caused by a dependence on paternalism, which is a philosophical concept used by administrations and managements all over the world.

It requires some imagination to apprehend the subtle indoctrinations of the power structure; and, in retaliation, a great awareness is demanded of those being exploited, to countermand and combat the superior cogitations of the Elite Class.

If small people do not band together for mutual defense they shall always find themselves fighting a losing battle.

The meeting of the 12th was well attended, but we very much regret, that our reports from the negotiations were so sketchy and lacking in more substantial presentation of the issues involved. After the meeting with Administration this week, we hope to have a more favorable report to a possible specially called meeting in the near future.

Brother Lyman is still in Herk Memorial Hospital, and it is not known when he will be out, or if he will be able to return to his duties, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Local. It would be well, for all of us to do just a little more thinking. Our first nominations were voted at the last meeting. The next and last ones will be at our next meeting, in November. Please attend.

Watchmakers Local 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

Inasmuch as this column is being written prior to October 15, 1968; we cannot report that all the employers have returned their signed agreements; however, we have a number of them already returned to us and expect to have the remainder in the office prior to October 15.

Letters to the membership are now being prepared relative to this new agreement and a copy of the new agreement will be enclosed with each letter.

We are sure that the members understand this involves much additional office work, however, this is to be expected whenever a new contract is negotiated.

LONGS DRUG STORES

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**UNION MEMBERS PLEASE
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Barbers 134

BY JACK M. REED

Brothers, for the past few years I have at one time or another mentioned an incident whereby one of our members passed away and his beneficiary called this office to collect his death benefit and it was the sorrowful task of the secretary to inform the widow that her husband was not in benefit standing. Benefit standing means that dues and assessments and pension must be paid on or before the first of the month in which they are due. Many of our members are aware of this but some think that this only applies to the other guy. In fact they send their dues in about the same date every month anywhere from the 4th to the 10th and a few even later and consequently they are never in benefit standing. Think this over brothers.

I received a call from a barber's wife informing me that her husband passed away and wanted to know when she could collect his death benefit. It was my sorrowful duty to inform her that her husband was a member for less than one year when he became ill and took a retiring card so that he would not have to pay dues, and therefore was not entitled to a death benefit. She was very bitter towards our union, and could not understand why anyone who had taken a withdrawal and was not paying dues which included the premium on the insurance could not collect.

Please attend the regular meeting Thursday night October 24, 1968 at the Labor Temple. This will be an important meeting and an opportunity for you to voice your opinions and vote on the three resolutions that will come before the membership. It will take a two-thirds majority for passage so maybe your one vote may pass or defeat the resolution that you want to win or lose.

Brothers I have received the sad news that former Secretary-Treasurer Al Mattoch has passed away in Van Nuys, Calif. Al held Local Secretary offices, and was a former State Board of Barbers Examiner as well as a State Barber Inspector. He had the barbers interest at heart and was always striving to improve their conditions, especially apprentices.

I knew him for many years and it was an honor to have worked with him as an officer of Local 134. I know that many of his friends will want to send a card of sympathy to his widow and family. Call the office and I will give you the address.

Mediation Service post

Richard P. McLaughlin, former special assistant to Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz, has been named general counsel of the federal Mediation & Conciliation Service, succeeding Morris L. Myers, who resigned to practice law in San Francisco.

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BY CHARLES F. JONES

Nominations for officers and delegates of the union were held on Tuesday, October 8, 1968 with the following members being nominated:

President: Charles F. Jones, John Marion.

Secretary-Treasurer: Russel L. Mathiesen, Gerald Markey.

First Vice President and Business Representative No. 2: George Read, Betty Stevenson.

Second Vice President and Business Representative No. 3: Paul Crockett, Thomas R. Miller.

Recorder: Mildred Patterson.

Sergeant at Arms: Wilma Frazier.

Business Representative No. 4: Alvin Kidder, Walter Norman.

Business Representative No. 5: Daniel Breault, James Marshall Jr.

Business Representative No. 6: William Devine, Don Medeiros.

Business Representative No. 7: Charles Stevenson, Nat Allums.

Business Representative No. 8: Steven Babbitt, Joseph P. Gaipa.

Business Representative No. 9: Paul McCormick.

Business Representative No. 10: Stephen Corso.

Executive Board (14 to be elected): Cliff Lundein, Loren Price, Ken Beasley, Harry Coffin, Lorna Lake, Carolyn G. Peterson, Vernon Sweeney, Eugene Casey, Edith Abood, Lorraine McKinney, James Price, Frank Parker, Henry Ko, Stephen H. Rodriguez, Crawford Johnson, Ralph DeMoro, James Dana Jr., James W. Liggens, Herbert Brown, Harold Sims, Audrey Wetterling, Harold Parnham.

Delegates to Central Labor Council (17 to be elected): Charles Jones, James Price, Paul Crockett, Gerald Markey, Stephen Corso, Dan Breault, William Devine, Harold Parnham, Betty Stevenson, Ken Beasley, John Marion, Audrey Wetterling, Walter Norman, George Read, Edith Abood, Russel Mathiesen, Charles Stevenson, Alvin Kidder, Don Medeiros, Stephen Babbitt, Vernon Sweeney, Mildred Patterson, Harry Coffin, Cliff Lundein, Paul McCormick.

The election will be held on November 12, 1968 and the members will receive an official notice advising of the addresses of polling places.

Steamfitters 342

BY JIM MARTIN

Through the September 25th United Association's General Officers' Weekly Newsletter, we have been advised of the key po-

sitions taken by the 160-member AFLCIO General Board representing every AFLCIO affiliate and department and we are passing this information on to you.

After their exhaustive study of the issues and the men, they have recommended a strong, unequivocal endorsement of the Humphrey - Muskie ticket to the Board from the AFLCIO Executive Council.

The American Labor Movement will marshal all its energy and resources behind Hubert Humphrey and Edmund Muskie in the crisis-ridden 1968 presidential election.

AFLCIO President George Meany cited success of the COPE registration campaigns in the major states noting that in early September the number of trade union members registered in eight of the 14 major states increased by 1,160,000.

The election of Richard Nixon, Meany said, "would be a disaster for the ordinary people of this country," based on Nixon's past record, also, there was an unusually low sentiment for Nixon and the Republican candidates generally in the trade union movement but that "a considerable number" of union members are being attracted by the demagogic campaign of George Wallace, and that a vote for Wallace would in effect be a vote for Nixon.

Pointing to Humphrey's brilliant record—"Seldom has such a qualified candidate for President been placed before American voters and never has a presidential candidate been so totally committed in word and deed to the fulfillment of the American dream."

Referring back to the General Executive Board of the AFLCIO, the Board cited the eight years of uninterrupted economic growth, the ever increasing prosperity and the basic social reforms which have given the "overwhelming majority of Americans" higher real incomes, greater economic security and greater material well-being "than any people, any time, anywhere."

The AFLCIO found the Democratic platform offers a positive program on labor legislation, poverty, Social Security, consumer protection and a realistic Viet Nam program.

So, fellow members of Local 342, take all the facts into consideration when you vote on November 5th, 1968—but remember Labor's position has always been and still is elect Labor's Friends and Defeat its enemies.

Our next regular membership meeting to be held will be October 17th, 1968—see you then.

ATTENTION, JOB STEWARDS
A Job Stewards meeting will be held in Room 229 of the Labor Temple on Tuesday, November 19th, 8:00 p.m. Kindly arrange your plans so you may be in attendance.

Millmen's 550

BY ARSIE BIGBY

Mr. Richard Nixon's campaign manager has been quoted as having said that Nixon's camp expects his campaign expenditures to well exceed \$22,000,000.

This is not surprising. Mr. Nixon has a long history of being in the rich man's corner, and I think it is only natural that those big fat cats would spend a lot to get their man elected to a high political office.

They don't mind financing this very expensive campaign, for their Boy Dickie, because they know that they are going to get a tremendously big return on their investment.

Mr. Nixon has never ceased to talk the Rich Man's Language, throughout his whole political career. He supports Section 14b of the Taft-Hartley Act, the so-called Right-to-Work section. His voting record while in the House and Senate, shows he voted unfavorably 59 times on key issues, while casting only 10 favorable votes.

His opposition to the United Farm Workers boycott against California grown table grapes clearly shows that he is still the same old Nixon, still siding with the rich against the poor, just as his House and Senate voting record of the past shows, that he always has.

Bear this well in mind! Twenty million dollars can purchase a lot of Fairy Tales and Mr. Nixon has employed movie and television writers to write his campaign material.

The head of the household cannot afford to allow himself to be carried into Fantasyland. If he does, he may discover when he returns to reality again, that the good life and working conditions he once had have all been lost while he was away, and there just isn't anything he can do about it for at least four long years.

Some union men as well as non-union men don't know that Humphrey never cast a single unfavorable vote, voting on 190 key issues between 1949 and 1965, prior to becoming Vice President.

They also don't know that the Right to Work Law exists in George Wallace's own State of Alabama, and that Wallace was governor four years there, and advisor to the Governor (his wife) for the last year and a half and did nothing about removing this grievous law from the books.

Humphrey seems to me to be the only man worthy of being President of the United States, this year 1968.

Until next time.



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E. W. (Whitey) CHAPMAN

POLLS OPEN THURSDAY, OCT. 24—7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Hubert Humphrey, candidate for President of the United States, is asking for and deserves your vote November 5, 1968.

Humphrey is one of your best political friends along with Alan Cranston, running for U. S. Senator, and Assemblyman Nick Petris.

H.H.H. has a pro-labor voting record of 100 per cent! Medicare was the first bill that he introduced in the U. S. Senate. He has always been against so-called right-to-work legislation.

On the other side of the coin, Richard Nixon (more aptly called Tricky Dick) helped draft the Taft-Hartley bill, notified all on his first day in the House of Representatives (1947), "I was elected to smash the labor bosses," has a labor voting record of 10 right votes and 59 wrong votes.

Unemployment in the United States as of now is approximately three per cent compared to eight and three-tenths per cent after the eight years of Republican administration.

So don't get led down a primrose path by the local fish wrappers.

Some of our Association shops were shut down for a couple of days due to a strike by Local 355, but I've been informed by their representatives that all is O.K. now.

Work continues to be good and it looks like we will be going great guns in the spring. However, don't quote me.

Members of Tri-State Council Death Plan please note that Death Assessment No. 630 is now due and payable. Please bring your payments up to date.

Fraternally,
ROBERT M. COOPER,
Business Representative.

CARPET & LINOLEUM 1290

The next meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers, Local 1290, will be held on Thursday, October 24, 1968, at 8 p.m., Hall "C," 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

There will be nominations for the unexpired term for Business Representative. Election to be held on Tuesday, November 12, 1968, at 8:00 p.m., Hall "C," 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LARRY GLADDEN,
Business Rep.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, October 17, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Report of delegates to the District No. 38 Conference. Please attend.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Rec. Sec.

RETAIL CLERKS 870

The next regular membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 1968, at 9:30 a.m. at the union office, 6537 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland.

Fraternally,
CHARLES F. JONES,
President.

CARPENTERS 36

The regular meetings of Carpenters Local 36 are held the first and third Thursdays at 8460 Enterprise Way, Oakland, Calif. 94621, at 8 p.m. Please note our new address. Phone number 569-3465.

This is the last quarter for monthly dues of \$8.50. January 1, 1969, dues shall be \$9.50 per month or \$28.50 per quarter. It is mandatory that you have your current month's dues paid while on the job. Please pay dues promptly.

The office hours of the Financial Secretary shall be 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday the office closes at 1 p.m.

Fraternally,
CLAUDE W. DILLON,
Rec. Sec.

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local 194 meets each first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. The meeting place is the Veterans Memorial Building, 2201 Central Ave., Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your local's meeting.

Fraternally,
F. M. GLADDEN,
Rec. Sec.

S.F. OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of the San Francisco - Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18, will be held at the Monadnock Building, 681 Market St., San Francisco, on Sunday afternoon, October 20, 1968, at one o'clock.

Fraternally,
K. "ROCKY" BENTLEY,
Secretary.

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

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PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be a special called meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 1968, in Hall "M" at 8 p.m. on the third floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

President Wallace Hicks will dispense with the regular order of business and have two special orders of business.

1. At 8 p.m. C. W. Sweeney, our Trust Administrator, and the Labor Trustees will explain to the membership the disbursement of the new pension money.

2. At 9 sharp, we will go into discussion of the resolution pertaining to the dues raise. After discussion, there will be a secret ballot vote.

Please make an earnest effort to attend. Your Union meetings are an important part of your Union membership.

Fraternally,
GEORGE A. HESS,
Bus. Manager and
Fin. Sec.-Treas.

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MILLMEN'S 550

The next regular meeting of Millmen's Union 550 will be held on Friday, October 18, 1968, at 8:00 p.m. in Room 228-229 of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Calif. Please make a special effort to attend.

Work has picked up considerably and we are in need of good journeymen. If you are out of work be sure that you register with the office at least once each week. You can do this by phone if you are unable to get to the office.

Members who move are reminded that they must notify the office of their new address and phone number. Quite a few of our members have moved and have notified the Labor Journal of their change of address but do not notify the Union office.

Fraternally,
GEO. H. JOHNSON
Fin. Sec.

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SERVICE EMPLOYEES 18

Meeting date fourth Friday of each month. Regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Cocks Hall, 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
VICTOR C. BRANDT,
Sec.-Bus. Rep.

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SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

Regular meetings of Local Union No. 1149 will be held at 8 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 2085 Third St., San Francisco, and the third Monday of each month at 115 Broadway, Oakland.

Fraternally,
TED L. KNUDSON,
Fin. Sec.

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UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Regular Membership Meeting, Friday, October 25, 1968, 8 p.m., Eagles Hall, 1228-36th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
EDWARD M. SOTO
Rec. Sec.

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The stewards meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The stewards' training program will be held in conjunction with the stewards' meeting.

Our regular meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 8 p.m., 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

Our Social event is held on the fourth Thursday of each month following our regular meeting.

Members who can contribute toward the \$257.50 cost of a grave marker for Brother John W. Merrill, who passed away December 13, 1967, should contact the financial secretary.

Fraternally,
A. W. RICE,
Rec. Sec.

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AFSCME-EBMUD 444

The next Executive Board meeting of EBMUD Local 444, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, will be held on November 7th at 7:30 p.m.

The next Membership Meeting of EBMUD Local 444 will be held November 14th at 7:30 p.m. There will be nomination of officers for 1969. Also, the executive board urges all members to remain informed and prepare for serious collective bargaining talks. Please attend your union meetings and participate at this crucial time.

Fraternally
CHARLES E. TEIXEIRA,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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AFSCME, U.C. LOCAL 371

Any member having special problems should feel free to present them. Your Executive Board, with our service representative, Bob McLane, will have continuing meetings and negotiations as to your working conditions, salary raises, etc. G & B, Personnel and Business Office will all be involved. We have your improved welfare in mind at all times.

Fraternally,
HAROLD LYMAN,
Sec.-Treas.

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UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228-36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH,
Rec. Sec.

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PUBLIC EMPLOYEES 1675

Regular membership and Executive Board meetings of Alameda County units of Public Employees Union, Local 1695, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, are held as follows:

HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOLS

Meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month in the maintenance yard of the school district, 24400 Amader Street.

E.B. REGIONAL PARKS

Meets at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Lake Temescal Club House.

OAKLAND RECREATION DEPT.

Meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at Brookfield Village.

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOLS

Meets at 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the Cafetorium of Encinal School.

FREMONT SCHOOLS

Meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at Blacow School.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOLS

Meets at 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at Woodrow Wilson School. The Examining Board of the unit meets the Thursday before each meeting at 7 p.m. at Bancroft Junior High School.

BERKELEY SCHOOLS

Meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at LeConte School, 2241 Russell Street, Berkeley. Executive Board meetings are held at Le Conte School at 9:30 a.m. on the morning of the membership meetings.

Fraternally,
HENRY L. CLARKE,
Bus. Mgr.

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

SPECIAL NOTICE

Nominations for the office of one Trustee will be made at the regular meeting of November 5, 1968.

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10264 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LEVIN CHARLES,
Rec.-Sec.

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BARBERS 134

The following petitions will have third reading and vote at the Oct. 24 meeting.

1. A petition to enact a \$2.50 Organizing Fund assessment (\$1.00 for part time workers) for a duration of 6 months.
2. A petition to raise the cost of services 25 cents across the board.
3. A petition to open Monday, December 23, 1968, this year only.

On our regular October meeting on Thursday night, Oct 24, 1968, 8 p.m., at the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets, Oakland, the THIRD reading and VOTE will take place. Please attend.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Brothers, Local 134 does NOT sponsor the present Barbers Credit Union. This Credit Union is NOT affiliated with Local 134 in ANY WAY. DO NOT call Local 134 on any matter pertaining to this Credit Union.

Fraternally,
JACK M. REED
Sec.-Treas.

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Now Wall Street gets a Valentine from Nixon

If anything were needed to prove how much working people need to elect Hubert H. Humphrey to the Presidency and turn back the Republican drive to elect the same old Richard Nixon, it is Nixon's just-disclosed "Secret Letter to Wall Street."

The letter to top securities industry executives was one item which Nixon's busy political publicity machine did not make public—and no wonder.

A New York Times financial writer tells us that one brokerage partner feels the Nixon letter said, in effect, "Look, send me some money and we'll lift the pressure off you when we get in."

The letter promises to end the present administration's "heavy-handed bureaucratic regulatory schemes" if Nixon can just get elected.

It denounces specific programs to reduce stock transactions commissions and mutual funds' charges to investors. But the New York Times reports that "Wall Street's immediate reaction was that the letter really was meant to be a message to the business community in general—perhaps a promise that a Nixon administration would involve the federal government less in the business community's affairs."

Government involvement in business affairs still is needed, not only to give investors a break but to help working people as employees and as consumers—as the present administration has done.

It is unlikely that a Nixon with friendly ties to Wall Street would distinguish himself in these areas.

He never has.

Make sure Cranston wins

Things appear to be going well for labor's friend, Alan Cranston, in his race for the United States Senate. He has a substantial lead in the polls. His rightwing GOP opponent is running like a scared man.

Which means that working people and other Cranston campaigners must redouble their efforts to make sure that Cranston is ahead when the ballots are counted less than three weeks from now. The GOP candidate and his Bircher supporters certainly are redoubling theirs.

The GOP candidate, Maxwell Rafferty, has been stung by defection of many moderate Republicans who cannot stomach his low-road campaigning. The press' disclosure that Rafferty made sure he would not carry a weapon in World War II, in contrast to his super belligerent verbal bayonet-rattling in the present conflict, has hurt him too.

Cranston was a member of the state administration which produced more for working people than any previous one. He stands with labor for collective bargaining for all, including farm workers, for repeal of Taft-Hartley's union-crippling "right-to-work," for real urban renewal for jobs, for better education and many other needed measures. He stands for law—with justice to eliminate the roots of violence. He supports the Paris talks and peace.

His opponent is on the opposite side on domestic issues. His answer to violence at home and abroad is only more violence—which could only increase the risk of world holocaust and spur bloodier civil strife in the cities.

Children will help children

As signs multiply that the world is in a sad state, there's one happy note on the horizon. In a few short days, children all over the nation will "trick or treat"—not for sweets for their own pleasure but to help children in other lands, who are not as fortunate as most American youngsters.

They will be collecting pennies, nickels and dimes—and more if you want to give more—for the annual children's crusade against hunger and disease in more than 120 countries. This is the United Nation's Children's Fund collection in which your generosity will be called on to help young people in grave need of help.

If past performance is any indication, the far-righters whose doorbells Children's Fund trick-or-treaters ring will lecture the youngsters that the UN is a subversive group, as they did, even when UN armed forces were fighting communists in Korea.

And, as in the past, this will go over the children's heads. All they will know is that when children are hungry or sick they should be helped. As they should.

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RAISES QUESTIONS ON RECENT LETTERS

Editor, Labor Journal:

I would like to ask Lewis C. Curtis of Carpenters 1622, Hayward — referring to his recent letter in the Labor Journal—his definition of a dignified citizen. Are all the rank and file members of our unions dignified citizens?

Are all American voters dignified citizens?

I am afraid we use the word American a little loosely. Myself, I am precise, and call Americans —citizens of these United States.

I see a decided difference between the Continent of North America and the Continent of South American. Hubert H. Humphrey and Edward Kennedy are great men and they are Democrats.

I believe you will find great men, also, in the Republican Party. There are great men, who may not belong to a specified party, and there are great men who belong to the third party. Martin Luther King, by some, was considered a great man. These great men are all heckled. Why?

Is it because they don't demand respect?

Should Ronald Reagan be publicly insulted by Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver? Should our fine law enforcement officers be called pigs?

I don't think so!

The editor of our Richmond Independent wrote a fine editorial in the October 2nd issue of his paper. This editorial blasted Eldridge Cleaver. I wonder just how many rank and file union members saw that editorial and read it.

I would like to take issue with Nat Dickerson of UC Employees 371. I suggest he go back in history and trace the labor movement. There are some issues the black militants, the white militants, all the militants, our educated men, are overlooking.

I recall in September, 1938, listening to Adolph Hitler. His speeches came over the radio, loud and clear. Although he spoke in German, one knew he wasn't telling "fairy tales."

Yes, I remember Hiroshima, Nagasaki, but I also remember Iwo Jima, the Solomons, Manila and Pearl Harbor. I recall 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917. Those were the days, we won the war.

What war, may I ask? Why we won all the wars. There's a battle going on right now, in these United States; we dignified Americans are fighting each other.

The weapons seem genuine: guns, bombs, rocks, gas, etc. I suggest on Election Day some great man flies atop Pike's Peak, drops an atomic bomb, and blows us off the face of the earth. Then we can start all over again —those of us who survive. "The survival of the fittest"—that's a phrase I heard long ago.

I will vote in November; as far as I know the voting places won't be under heavy guard. I hope not. Let us vote.

ELSIE TROAN, LVN.
Richmond.

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CHOICE IS CLEAR: HUBERT HUMPHREY

Editor, Labor Journal:

For several years now I have read your Journal with interest as I do a workshop in communications with the Institute of Industrial Relations at U.C. My opinion has no bearing on the Institute or is it given with any other intention except to bring some matters of importance to the attention of the readers.

It is interesting to note that the press has given Labor credit for giving votes for Wallace and possibly being the only organization supporting Hubert Humphrey. With all of the good work which is done by COPE in analyzing voting records, explaining the issues, I do not see how any union member can even believe for one minute that either Nixon or Wallace would be of any help to him whatsoever.

Union Labor has a choice and a good one. Hubert Humphrey has espoused the cause of Labor during his entire political career. He has fought against right-to-work bills, he has fought for such innovations as the Job Corps and

equal opportunity in employment. Any union member who feels that there is no choice this year had better read the record.

In analyzing Mr. Humphrey's civil rights record, in reading his statements on the grape strike one can readily see that his interests are those based upon principle. Any union member who is threatened by an advance of the economic status of the blacks in our society had better re-read history and economics. It is clearly to Labor's advantage to improve the status of all working men. Holding back one segment of the population can only bring on the turmoil and the disgrace of the know-nothing movement in American history.

This year, Labor could swing the election. If there is any idealism left, if there is any rationality in this year's election it is that there is a clear choice. Hubert Humphrey should be supported by every working man in this country. Any other choice is unrealistic.

VIRGINIA FRANKLIN.
Member of AFT, Marin
County Local.

HE HAS A REASON FOR VOTE DECISION

Editor, Labor Journal:

I am not voting for Hubert H. Humphrey because he and the other members of the Johnson cabinet do not answer constituents' mail.

Their weak excuse is that their high paid secretaries do not have the time.

I notice they take time to answer a senator or governor's mail pronto.

Why can't they answer a poor man's letter?

CHARLES WOLFE,
Port Chicago.

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REMEMBER THIS?

Editor, Labor Journal:

A bigot named Adolph Hitler used the promise of "law and order" as one gimmick to get into office. He delivered it. Was it enough?

RICHARD E. JAY,
Oakland

Bay Area tire strike ends with wage, fringe gains

Bay Area Teamster automotive employees ended their three-week tire industry strike last week with a 60-cent per hour wage increase package over three years, better hospital-medical coverage and higher employer contributions for pensions.

The new agreement covers 760 men in four counties, including 300 members of Automotive Employees 78 in Alameda County. Also involved were members of Garage Employees 665 in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties and Teamsters 315 in Contra Costa County.

60-CENT BOOST

The agreement boosts wages 30 cents an hour as of last September 11, another 15 cents on September 11, 1969, and 15 cents on September 11, 1970.

The vulcanizer, buffer or re-capper's rate will reach \$4.07½ in 1970.

Employer payments to health and welfare were increased from 18 to 33 cents an hour to help cover higher hospital room and board charges and restore "a generous major medical plan," Bill York, Local 78 secretary-treasurer, reported. Pension contributions will go up 5 cents an hour on September 11, 1970, to fund past service benefits.

Other improvements were vacations—three weeks after eight years now instead of three after 10—portable vacation and sick leave rights and other protective contract language.

New contracts have been signed with the brand name dealers, the smaller independents represented by the Northern California Tire Dealers Association and larger independents who were not struck but remained open under interim agreements.

Hayward Carpenters 1622 Election



Dear Sir and Brother:

It is once again time for you to select those persons you desire to be the officers and representatives of your Local. Toward this end I am soliciting your support that I might again serve you in the capacity of Financial Secretary.

I have served Local #1622 as Financial Secretary since June, 1963. Following an initial period of learning and adjustment substantial accomplishments have been effected during my tenure, including the revitalization of the procedural system of the Finance Office. This in itself has resulted in significant savings for the Local over the past several years. Also, the condition of our building has been improved and maintained, and I have personally accepted responsibility to insure against its abuse during period of rental.

I have always endeavored to maintain a businesslike approach to the performance of the duties of my office, offering fair and efficient service to one and all. To accomplish this I have functioned as my own man; for only by maintaining one's individualism and avoiding alliances in whatever factional disputes might arise, can anyone best serve the interest of the entire membership.

I stand for re-election on the basis of past performance, but I must emphasize that it is what we can accomplish in the future that is the issue of paramount importance.

If the labor movement in general, and Local #1622 specifically, is to continue to grow as it must, decisions will have to be made which are at the same time both far-sighted and immediately beneficial. I trust that you will feel that my past efforts on your behalf, and my long experience as your representative, are best suited for making these important decisions.

In the hope of continuing to serve you, I am enlisting your support and your vote.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
VYRL O. ANDERSON,
Financial Secretary.

Nixon woos Wall Street in 'secret' letter

As Hubert H. Humphrey continued to contrast his record of support to working people with Richard Nixon's long honeymoon with employers, there was a new revelation that Nixon sees eye-to-eye with Wall Street.

A "secret" Nixon letter to securities industry leaders, carefully not publicized by the GOP candidate, but uncovered by the press, promised that if Nixon is elected, Wall Street will have no worries.

NIXON LETTER

He will, he promised, end the "heavy-handed bureaucratic regulatory schemes" of the Democratic administration toward the industry if he gets to the White House.

The New York Times financial page reacted to the letter with a story commenting:

"Wall Street's immediate reaction was that the letter really was meant to be a message to the business community in general—perhaps a promise that a Nixon administration would involve the federal government less in the business community's affairs."

The Times quoted a partner in a large securities firm as saying "what he has done is written a

letter which, in effect says, 'look send me some money and we'll lift the pressure off you when we get in'."

The Washington Post in an editorial entitled "Dreaming in Nixonland," said of the letter, "The fellows in Wall Street must have loved it."

But, even as the letter came to light, it became apparent that the GOP has no intention of allowing it and other issues to come under analysis in candidate debates like those in which John F. Kennedy demolished Nixon in the 1960 Presidential campaign.

GOP NIXES DEBATES

A bill, passed by the House to allow television debates by all three Presidential aspirants, died in the Senate when Republicans simply failed to show up and threatened a "sit-out" until the measure was dropped.

"Mr. Republican," Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, demanded a live quorum which would have required at least 51 Senators to be present before debate could proceed.

Then Dirksen ordered pages and doorkeepers to stop all Republicans on their way in and tell them not to enter the Senate chamber. Only three GOP Sen-

ators got through the Dirksen cordon in an hour, and Democratic leadership gave in.

Humphrey's running mate, Senator Edmund Muskie, angrily declared that such debates should be required by law so the people would know clearly what they were voting for.

Grape boycott pickets take to the neighborhoods

Hit by a picket-limiting injunction in their California table grape boycott, union farm workers this week exercised their free speech in East Bay neighborhoods, handing out leaflets telling of their struggle to negotiate with big growers.

Some 100,000 handbills were to be available for distribution in the vicinities of stores carrying the grapes, the United Farm Workers said. Informational picketing at stores was also to continue.

REACH HOUSEWIVES

UFWOC's aim is to reach as many housewives as possible with the story of the three-year farm workers' strike against San Joaquin Valley vineyardists.

Exempted from the National Labor Relations Act's requirement that employers must bargain with their employees' organizations, big growers have refused to negotiate union proposals to boost low pay and improve conditions.

Volunteer pickets should contact UFWOC at 655-3256 in the Bay, or at 626-7954 in San Francisco.

Mayfair stores, where grape boycott pickets have marched for weeks, secured an injunction limiting numbers of pickets at each entrance, a UFWOC spokesman reported.

SHIPMENTS DROP

As the boycott continued nationwide, a 15 per cent decline in table grape shipments to the country's 20 largest metropolitan areas was reported.

The Baltimore Sun quoted the Department of Agriculture for the data and said that in the Baltimore area grape sales had fallen off 48 per cent in the first two months of the "don't buy" appeal.

Acorn extension plan

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the board 50 per cent cut means a big tax loss from commercial taxpayers' 70 per cent of property taxes, meaning higher sales and income taxes, he explained.

It would rigidly limit state and local bonding capacity, with a resulting severe cut in public construction, which makes up 20 per cent of all California building, he added.

The BTC adjourned in memory of the late Glenn A. McIntire, longtime business manager of Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290.

Humphrey, Muskie, Meany set election radio talks; dial 680

A series of labor-sponsored radio broadcasts on what is at stake in the November 5 Presidential election is under way, with programs scheduled Thursday and Friday of this week and twice a week until the end of the month. All are to be heard over KNBR, 680 on the AM dial.

AFLCIO President George Meany was to speak for 15 minutes beginning at 4:45 p.m. Thursday, October 17. Speaking at the same hour next Thursday and Thursday, October 31, will be Vice Presidential candidate Edmund Muskie and Presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey.

Meany is scheduled to make a five-minute broadcast, also over KNBR, at 9:45 p.m. today, Friday, October 18, and at the same hour on Friday, October 25, and Friday November 1. Tonight's broadcast may be delayed because of a basketball broadcast.

The Thursday afternoon series is sponsored by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the Friday night broadcasts are AFLCIO-sponsored.

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